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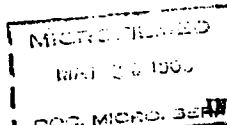
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Ion MARGARIT, alias Ion STANESCU



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REF: REGA 19017, 27 January 1956 f MARGARIT *Alpha*

1. POB asked UPSWING if they were able to confirm the allegations that Subject was in contact with the Rumanian Legation in Vienna. Per agreement with [ ] we also informed UPSWING that Subject had "attempted to sound out for recruitment a source of U.S. Intelligence" [ ] and the fact that Subject was in close contact with Tescu CUNEA. POB expressed the opinion to UPSWING that in view of CUNEA's connections with (Father) Ion RACOCIA and the Rumanian Legation in Vienna plus his ties with Subject, KUBARK wonders if the approach by Subject to [ ] was not an attempt by the Rumanian Legation to pick up an additional informant.

2. UPSWING has replied to our query stating that they are able to confirm a contact between Subject and the Rumanian Legation in Vienna. UPSWING has presented the case as follows:

a. MARGARIT was before 1945 a member of the Rumanian minority in Greece and there active as a school inspector in Macedonia. In early 1955 MARGARIT learned through members of this minority that the Rumanian Government intended to pay the back salaries of Rumanian school teachers active in the minority in Greece. In other words, these would have been salaries earned had they stayed in Rumania. MARGARIT saw corruption in these proceedings and political danger to the minority and feared that the Greek Government would again begin to persecute them. Therefore, he protested the intended action (of the Rumanian Government) in a letter to the Rumanian Legation in Vienna.

b. MARGARIT was invited in a letter from the Rumanian Legation to come to Vienna for a conference. MARGARIT went in May 1955 and talked with Emannel ZAIDES, presumably in the latter's residence in Vienna. Since ZAIDES declared he was not competent to handle the matter, there was a second meeting at which DAMJANOFF (probably George DAMJANOFF) was present. DAMJANOFF is alleged to have been well oriented on MARGARIT's past and his visits to Rumania after 1945. MARGARIT was invited to return to Rumania and act in an advisory capacity for the Rumanian Government on questions dealing with the Rumanian minority in Greece. MARGARIT is said to have turned down the invitation.

c. There followed one or two further meetings between MARGARIT and Rumanian Legation members. The last meeting is believed to have taken

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place in October 1955.

d. Recently MARGARIT has considered himself threatened and is said to regularly carry a pistol. He has expressed a desire to settle in the Federal Republic in order to avoid the threats. Whether he intends to carry out this intention appears doubtful because MARGARIT, who has been living in Austria under the name STANESCU, approached the Austrian Police the end of 1955 and asked that he be legalized under his correct name. This request was granted.

e. Recently MARGARIT has repeatedly expressed the desire to give up all work of an intelligence nature. He has presumably also given up his activity for Peter (Titi) CONSTANTINESCU alias BOGDAN, Salzburg, for whom he possessed intelligence material which CONSTANTINESCU put at his disposal.

3. Incidentally, UPWIND also forwarded a request for traces on MARGARIT to the British under the same date as their request to POB (PULL 2967). In their request to the British, UPWIND states that according to rumors MARGARIT is suspected of having contact with the enemy.

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